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TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT:

Proposed Actions Pursuant to Statutes Containing Legislative Veto Provisions

- 1. Background. The recent decision by the Supreme Court in INS v. Chadha, broadly declaring legislative vetoes to be unconstitutional, requires careful review and coordination of agency actions that will hereafter be taken under statutes that still contain such veto provisions. This will be necessary in order to avoid unnecessary confrontation with the Legislative branch; to assure consideration of the precedential impact of individual actions on the Executive branch as a whole; and to allow the Executive and Legislative branches to accommodate to the Court's decision in a constructive manner.
- 2. Definition. The term "proposed agency action" shall include the taking of any act, the submission of any notice to the Congress of a proposed action, the submission of a notice to the Federal Register of any proposal for action, or the submission of formal notice required by law or traditionally given to the general public or any defined segment thereof, whichever occurs first.
- 3. Action Requirements. Where proposed agency actions are subject to legislative veto provisions still set forth in statutory law, the following procedures are to be observed before those actions are implemented:
  - o Notices of proposed regulatory actions will continue to be submitted to the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, pursuant to Executive Order 12291 or the Paperwork Reduction Act; however, proposed regulatory actions governed by currently enacted legislative vetoes should be expressly identified as such by the agencies.
  - o Notices of proposed appropriations-related actions should be delivered to the appropriate OMB budget division; however, those actions that are routine in nature (e.g., the annual submission to the Congress of operating plans) should not be included if prior agreement has been reached with the appropriate OMB budget division to exclude them.

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- O Notices of other proposed agency actions should be delivered to the personal attention of James M. Frey, Assistant Director, Legislative Reference, Room 7202 New Executive Office Building; however, in order to avoid unnecessary reporting, these notices should be sent only in the case of proposed actions that are likely to be of a controversial character.
- o All Congressional testimony dealing with legislative veto matters, whether of an oversight or legislative character, should be submitted for clearance to the OMB Legislative Reference Division; the procedures of OMB Circular A-19 should be deemed applicable to all such testimony whether expressly applicable by its terms or not,
- 4. Clearance Requirements. Clearance procedures concerning regulations are established by Executive Order 12291; in all other cases, an agency is not to proceed with the proposed action without affirmative OMB clearance.
- 5. Procedural Requirements. The following procedures shall apply to the submissions of proposed agency actions (other than proposed testimony) required under paragraph 3:
  - a. Notice of proposed agency actions should be given to OMB as early as possible, and in any event at least five working days prior to planned agency submission of the proposed action to the Congress. Early notice is required in order to assure adequate time for OMB review.
  - b. When providing notice, the agency should submit to OMB the actual documents that it proposes to send to the Congress, the Federal Register or the general public or any defined segment thereof.
  - c. Where the proposed agency action is likely to be of a controversial character, the agency also should submit to OMB a concise statement setting forth all pertinent facts regarding the controversial aspects of the proposed action.
  - d. The Director of OMB may define generic categories of proposed agency actions that are likely to be of a controversial character and for which individual submissions are to be made for all proposed actions.

- 6. Statutes. A list of statutes that contain legislative veto provisions is attached. This list, prepared by the Department of Justice, is intended to be exhaustive, but agencies should report to James M. Frey any currently enacted legislative vetoes not set forth in the attachment. In this regard, it should be noted that the Department of Justice has advised that under the Chadha decision, statutes purporting to empower Congressional committees to waive waiting periods under report-and-wait provisions are unconstitutional.
- 7. General Provisions. The coordination of these actions by OMB is not intended to supersede or to alter any other review procedures that may be currently applicable to proposed agency actions, including consultations or reports regarding legislative vetoes requested by the Department of Justice.
- 8. Although these requirements reflect the Administration's determination to avoid unnecessary controversy in connection with proposed agency actions, each agency should clearly understand that these procedures are not to be used as a justification for failing to proceed with discretionary action that the agency believes appropriate to carry out its statutory responsibilities and Administration policies. The procedures of this Bulletin, calling for the exercise of coordinated judgment with regard to potentially controversial actions, are to be understood as facilitating, not impeding, the exercise of appropriate policy discretion by each agency.
- 9. Because the issues raised by the Chadha decision are of historic importance, your personal attention is requested to assure compliance by your agency with the provisions of this memorandum.
- 10. Sunset Date. This bulletin will remain in effect until September 30, 1984 unless superseded or rescinded.

David A. Stockman

Director

### I. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

# A. War and National Defense

War Powers Resolution, Pub. L. No. 93-148

H.R. J. Res. 683, Pub. L. No. 94-110

National Emergencies Act, Pub. L. No. 94-412

International Emergency Economic Powers Act, Pub. L. No. 95-223

Neutrality Act of 1939, 54 Stat. 4

Arms Control and Disarmament Act of 1961, Pub. L. No. 87-297

# B. International Assistance and Arms Export Control

Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, Pub. L. No. 87-195

Export Administration Act, amended by Department of Defense Appropriation Authorization Act, 1975, Pub. L. No. 93-365

International Development and Food-Assistance Act of 1975, Pub. L. No. 94-161

International Security Assistance and Arms
Control Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-329

International Security Assistance Act of 1977,
 Pub. L. No. 95-92

International Development and Security Cooperation Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-533

International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-113

# C. Department of Defense

- Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, Pub. L. No. 85-599
- Department of Defense Appropriation Authorization Act, 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-155
- Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-86
- Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-252
- Military Construction Codification Act, Pub. L. No. 97-214
- Defense Production Act of 1950, Pub. L. No. 81-774
- Defense Production Act Amendments, 1970, Pub. L. No. 91-379
- Energy Security Act, Defense Production Act Amendments of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-294
- Rubber-Producing Facilities Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 83-205
- Disposal of Surplus Vessels and Other Naval Property, Pub. L. No. 79-649
- Long-Range Proving Ground for Guided Missiles, 1949, Pub. L. No. 81-60

# D. Armed Forces Personnel

- Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1981, Pub. L. No. 96-342
- Universal Military Training and Service Amendments of 1951, Pub. L. No. 82-51
- Veterans Health Program Extension and Improvement Act of 1979, Pub. L. No. 96-151

### II. IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY

Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, Pub. L. No. 82-414

Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments, Pub. L. No. 85-316

#### III. BUDGET

Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-344

#### IV. INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Pub. L. No. 87-794

Trade Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-618

Export-Import Bank Amendments of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-646

Export Administration Act of 1979 ("EAA"), Pub. L. No. 96-72

#### V. ENERGY

Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, Pub. L. No. 93-153

Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-577

Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. No. 94-163

Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-258

Department of Energy Act of 1978 -- Civilian Applications, Pub. L. No. 95-238

- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-372
- Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-621
- Energy Security Act, United States Synthetic Fuels Corporation Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-294
- Energy Research and Development Administration Authorization Act, Pub. L. No. 94-187
- Department of Energy National Security and Military Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-164
- Department of Energy National Security and Military Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1981, Pub. L. No. 96-540
- Department of Energy National Security and Military Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-90

# VI. ATOMIC ENERGY AND NUCLEAR MATERIALS

- Atomic Energy Act of 1954, Pub. L. No. 83-703, as amended
- Atomic Energy Act Amendment of 1957, Pub. L. No. 85-79, as amended
- Atomic Energy Act Amendments of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-489
- Atomic Energy Act Amendments of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-377
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-242

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization, Pub. L. No. 97-415
- Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-425

### VII. FEDERAL PAY AND EMPLOYMENT

- Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970, Pub. L. No. 91-656
- Postal Revenue and Federal Salary Act of 1967, Pub. L. No. 90-206
- Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-454
  - Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees, Pub. L. No. 88-643
  - International Development and Food Assistance Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-424

#### VIII. LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Water Resources Development Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-251
- Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-579
- Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act Amendments, 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-332,
- National Parks and Recreational Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-625
- Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. -93-378
- Act to Expedite the Rehabilitation of Federal Reclamation Projects, Pub. L. No. 81-451
- Act to Facilitate the Construction of Drainage Works, Etc., Pub. L. No. 84-575

- Amendment to Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 87-639
- Imperial Dam Project Modifications -- Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act, Pub. L. No. 93-320
- Conveyance of Submerged Lands to Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, Pub. L. 93-435
- Olympic National Park -- Authority to Accept Land, Pub. L. No. 94-578
- Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Title IX, Implementation of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Alaska Statehood Act, Pub. L. No. 96-487

# IX. INDIAN AFFAIRS

- Indian Claims Judgment Funds Act, 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-134, as amended
- Menominee Restoration Act, Pub. L. No. 93-197
- Restoration of Indian Tribes of Unclaimed Payments, 1961, Pub. L. No. 87-283
- Government-Owned Utilities Used for Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1961, Pub. L. No. 87-279
- Act of July 1, 1932, Pub. L. No. 72-240, as amended
- Education Amendments of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-561

## X. TRANSPORTATION

Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-236

Union Station Redevelopment Act of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-125

Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-280

Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. No. 94-163, amending the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act

Revisions of Title 49, U.S.C.A., Pub. L. No. 97-449

### XI. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, Pub. L. No. 93-198

District of Columbia Retirement Reform Act, Pub. L. No. 96-122

Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972, Pub. L. No. 92-578

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Bicentennial Civic Center Act, Pub. L. No. 92-520

#### XII. AGRICULTURE

Futures Trading Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-405

Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-98

Taft Anti-Inflation Law, Pub. L. No. 80-395

#### XIII. RULEMAKING

Department of Education Organization Act, Pub. L. No. 96-88

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- Education Amendments of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-380
- Education Amendments of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-561
- Education Amendments of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-374
- Student Financial Assistance Technical Amendments Act of 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-301
- Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments, Pub. L. No. 93-443
- Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1979, Pub. L. No. 96-187
- Federal Rules of Evidence, Pub. L. No. . . 93-595
- Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-504
- Federal Trade Commission Improvements Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-252
- Multiemployer Pension Plan Amendments Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-364
- Farm Credit Act Amendments of 1980, Pub. L. No. 95-592
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 Pub. L. No. 96-510
- National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-515
- Coastal Zone Management Improvement Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-464

- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Extension Act, 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-539
- Motor Vehicle and Schoolbus Safety Amendments of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-492
- Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, Pub. L. No. 93-526
- Amendment to Social Security Act Child Support Provisions, Pub. L. No. 94-88
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Consumer Product Safety Amendments of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-35
- Emergency Interim Consumer Product Safety Standard Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-319
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Rail Passenger Service Act, Pub. L. No. 97-35
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Amendment to Highway Safety Programs, Pub. L. No. 97-25
- International Navigational Rules Act of 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-75
- Social Security Amendments of 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-216
- Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-557

#### XIV. APPROPRIATIONS ACTS

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-88

Appropriations -- Department of the Interior -- Fiscal Year 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-100

- Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-394
- Department of Housing and Urban Development -Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
  1982, National Aeronautics and Space
  Administration Research and Development
  Appropriation, Pub. L. No. 97-101
- Department of Housing and Urban Development -Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
  1983, National Aeronautics and Space
  Administration Research and Development
  Appropriation, National Science Foundation
  Research and Related Activities Appropriation, Pub. L. No. 97-272
- Department of Housing and Urban Development --Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
  1983, Pub. L. No. 97-272
- Department of Housing and Urban Development -Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
  1984, National Aeronautics and Space
  Administration Appropriation, Pub. L.
  No. 98-45
- Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-369
- Foreign Assistance and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-121
- District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-378
- Joint Resolution Making Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-92
- Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-257
- Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-377

### XV. MISCELLANEOUS

- Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-523
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Post Secondary Student Assistance Amendments of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-35
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, 1983, Pub. L. No. 97-324
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, 1984, Pub. L. No. 98-
- Enactment of Title 44, United States Code, "Public Printing and Documents," 1968, Pub. L. No. 90-620
- United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, Pub. L. No. 80-402